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BEGINNING TO WAKE UP.
Whether the Kicker is responsible for any part of it or not the editor does not know, but there is certainly a growing sentiment against the state university and the normal schools—where the children of the well-to-do are educated at public expense.

The most encouraging sign is the fact that men of great wealth are taking up the matter. Because a man is wealthy it does not necessarily follow that he is selfish and an all-around hog. It is the rich hypocrite of the Rockefeller brand who continually bribes and robs and then gives a small percent of his ill-gotten wealth to churches and schools and has the news factory to telegraph it all over the world what a good and pious man he is. That's the fellow that needs bumping.

Last week the Fredericktown Tribune contained two powerful articles—one by J. E. Franklin, a Democrat, the other by B. B. Cahoon, a Republican—in which they severely arraign our present higher school system.

Mr. Franklin shows that while the state contributed last year for common school education of all the children in Missouri \$1.10 per head, in the same year the state provided between \$300 and \$400 per head for the students at the university. And he asks:

"What can be said of the wisdom and justice of such a policy as this? Does it seem right to the people of the state that the miserable pittance of only \$1.10 per head should be spent by the state in giving our children the essential elements of an education, while hundreds of dollars per head are lavished by it in teaching Latin, Greek, law and medicine to a few hundred favored children?"

Mr. Cahoon seems to realize the "perils just ahead of us" as a nation and writes:

"The masses must be reasonably educated or sooner or later the chief pillar of our republican system of government will not stand the stress and the storm of the perils lying just ahead of us, as a nation—perils complex and complexing, entering as they do not, as did the anti-slavery agitation, the field of emotion, but that of political economy and the profoundest philosophy of government, to solve which peacefully, wisely and properly, all our people must be reasonably well educated. Hence, it is better to fairly educate a dozen voters than to highly educate one man."

The Kicker is pleased to learn of such men as Mr. Franklin and Mr. Cahoon raising their voices in defense of the rights of the masses. Both are quite wealthy and are men of influence. Would that more men of wealth and influence would speak out.

CAPITOL REMOVAL.

A resolution has been introduced in the Missouri legislature to submit to the voters of the state the removal of the seat of government from Jefferson City to St. Louis. Since all the governing is done from St. Louis, and since the seat of government rests wherever Jim Seibert and Ed. Butler are at home, there should be no serious objection to the removal of the force from Jefferson City.

But the hardest blow at Jefferson City is the alleged cause for removal. The resolution starts off by referring to alleged gambling and immorality at the state capital. Great guns! And they propose to remedy it by dragging it over to St. Louis—to Kerry Patch, Hop Alley, or the Red Light district, for instance. From the frying pan into the fire!

But if it ever comes to a vote St. Louis will get it. No doubt about that. With the present election and police laws they can grind out any kind of a result they want. They are pretending to want to amend the law, but they will be careful not to temper with it in a way to deprive the party in power of a "fair advantage."

And there seems to be a gigantic "business" transaction behind it all. Dave Francis & Co. have obtained "appropriations" amounting to some \$11,000,000 of public money to help along their little World's Fair scheme. In addition to this they secured the privilege of the use of the finest park in the country on which to erect their buildings. This privilege they got from that honorable body of municipal assemblymen in St. Louis. To say "hoodle" would be inappropriate. It was the people's park. What sort of a title Francis & Co. have to this park now the Kicker does not know. But it is rumored that, after the fair is over, Francis & Co. want to dump the buildings onto the state at an enormous price for capitol buildings.

Grant scheme, eh?

Spring will soon be here with its rush of work on the farm, and the wise farmer is the one who has his harness, tools, machinery, fence and everything in good repair and in readiness.

From Crowder.

Plenty of rain down this 'ere way. Good weather for dux.

R. W. Huffstetler moved his family from Stoddard county to Crowder. Mrs. S. P. Marshall and children are visiting her mother at Morley. M. Culp returned from his Illinois trip Wednesday.

There were five dances in the neighborhood last week. Had the weather been favorable probably there would have been six.

Doc Potter and Miss Lata Archer, of Vanuser, were here Sunday. Mrs. Willis Page is sick. Will Darby, of Blodgett, is visiting here.

Our new store in Crowder makes things more lively. Frank Constant is visiting relatives here this week.

The T. B. H. Lodge initiated six candidates Thursday evening.

Mrs. J. P. Marshall, of near Crowder, was the guest of Mrs. S. J. Kimbrell Wednesday.

The new depot platform is a great improvement.

From Graysboro.

Special trains of the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain roads were seen here Monday—a strange sight to us.

The new incline at Manning is about completed and the transfer steamer is there.

Three new houses are going up and it is reported that the Hornback brothers will build a large dance hall.

Our people are taking steps to have this place incorporated.

The work on the big bridge is progressing—every day, Sunday and at night.

Mrs. Kneezel and child have been sick, but are now improving.

Mrs. Thompson has returned from a visit to Illinois.

Mrs. H. Davis visited her mother at Thebes last week.

County Court Proceedings.

After a hard week's work court adjourned Saturday to meet again next Monday. There seems to be general satisfaction with the methods of the present court. No time was lost—the court holding from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Allowances—Wm. Y. Prince, \$20; W. R. Beardslee, \$61; J. K. P. Chevington, \$21; T. P. Stone, \$2; C. S. Turner, \$46.50; J. W. Baker, \$20; L. Y. Twitty, \$20; C. Banks, \$10; A. N. Ellis, \$20; T. A. Matthews, \$20; Du P. Fulenweider, \$49.73; John Schlitt, \$20; W. C. Lambert, \$20; N. Dannehlmueller, \$25; Andrew Dirnberger, \$200; W. H. Heisserer, \$97.27; J. L. Huey, \$49; J. N. Harrison, \$20; J. L. Robinson, \$25; W. A. Sullivan, \$100; Oscar Caldwell, \$100; J. W. Elkins, \$2; L. Brown and B. M. Swank, \$2 each; Wm. Bizzell, \$231.35; J. W. Blocker, \$20; Frank Felton, \$20; Claude Wylie, \$25; W. H. Stubblefield, \$32; Insane Asylum No. 3, \$107.45; Asylum No. 2, \$72.26; Joel Dunn, \$38.76; Jim Shrowds, \$2.85; Zack Taylor, \$3.25; Robt. Davis, Jno. McKoen and J. E. Sparks, \$44; V. V. Lauck, \$101.75; Phil Hafner, \$5.65; Moses Boyer, \$52.50; G. Y. Cannon, \$15; W. H. H. Hurson, \$41.66; Ed Henderson, \$47; Barnard & Co., \$43.50; Standard Co., \$15; J. E. Warner, \$371.75; J. L. Hale, \$20.25; V. L. Harris, \$60; Jas. McPheters, \$196; J. F. Watkins, \$23; Aug. Gast Co., \$38.30; R. M. Phillips, \$2; Jos. W. Myers, \$13.20; J. M. Hamilton, \$15; Geo. Richards, \$10; Farmers Supply Co., \$4; W. B. Batts, \$31.30; Wm. Reeder, \$30; B. F. Anderson, \$30.80.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED.

District 1. Matthew Rose.
2. L. Dunnehueller.
3. Claude Wylie.
4. Joseph Kiefer.
5. Chas. E. Moore.
6. V. C. Lambert.
7. Jules Drury.
8. W. R. Beardslee and C. I. Anderson.
9. E. E. Brown.
10. T. E. Chevington.
11. T. E. Tomlinson.
12. James Bugg.
13. John Tippy.
14. Jos. Hutchison and L. S. Lee.
15. H. J. & Julius Mifeldt.
16. James Hinkle.
17. C. F. McMullin.
18. J. W. Baker, E. J. Malone.

PETIT JURORS FOR APRIL TERM.

R. C. Matthews, John A. Matthews, Jas. P. Ranney, J. D. Ebert, Wm. Taylor, Henry Grojean, W. C. Lambert, M. G. Bryant, Jas. Ferguson, Robert McCormick, O. S. Goodin, Monroe Fulcher, Lark Huey, Rayford Royal, A. J. Penn, J. C. Walker, Geo. Campbell, C. R. Clymer, Chas. Gray, Sam Cannon, Harvey Moore, Thos. Chrisom, Robt. Worley, Simon Heisserer.

Dramashop license granted to E. A. Johnson, Commerce; Albert H. Mantz, Kelso; John G. Scherer, New Hamburg.

Final settlement of B. F. Allen, late county treasurer, filed and approved. \$400 loaned to M. A. Jones.

\$25 appropriated to convey Lou Ellen Reeves to Farmington asylum.

Iron Mountain granted right-of-way to build switch across road in Oran.

\$50 appropriated to be used on New Hamburg and Cox road—Geo. Glueck, commissioner.

Road petition filed by W. H. Stubblefield, et al., deferred for want of right-of-way.

Surveyor ordered to view and report on practicability of change of road petitioned by Josephine Smith, et al.

Cape county ditch proceedings dismissed at cost of bondsmen.

County attorney ordered to see that leakage in court house roof is repaired.

In matter of road petition Albert Ringo, et al., continued.

T. F. Hinkle, et al., same order.

D. A. Potter, et al., same order.

Report of viewers on drain ditch No. 4 continued to May.

Justices of the peace ordered to make reports as required by Section 2790.

Proper Time to Think It Over.

Right now is a very good time for tax-payers to scratch their heads and wonder what becomes of the enormous sums of money annually expended on the roads.

Last year more than \$20,000 was appropriated by the county court for road building, and today the roads are in no better condition in the hills than ten years ago.

Of course, in sections where conditions are favorable and the roads have always been good, they have not been seriously damaged by the "work."

Tuesday the editor drove to Oran and thence to New Hamburg over roads that the ancient tribes that inhabited this county would have declared very bad. Hub deep was the average in the swags.

The money, as now expended on our roads, may as well be thrown in a sewer—only to be washed out. This, or a similar system, has been in operation ever since the organization of the county. And another eighty years of similar road "work" will find the roads in no better condition than today.

Think of it! Twenty thousand dollars on the roads in one year! One hundred thousand dollars in five years! One million dollars in fifty years—and yet no roads!

Isn't it about time the men in charge of affairs quit playing politics and turn their attention to the betterment of general conditions?

About Mutual Insurance.

The promptness with which the farmers in the north half of the county pay their losses and the small cost of carrying their insurance, is attracting attention in the lower end of the county.

Even the merchants are talking of organizing for self protection against the greed of the insurance trust. There is no reason why merchants should not organize and carry their insurance at actual cost, just as the farmers are doing in the north end of the county.

The Kicker would like to see the state take charge of the insurance business instead of the insurance trust taking charge of the state.

Entertainment Saturday Evg.

Benton has a Doreas Society—the object of which is to relieve the poor. On Saturday evening, February 14, this society will give an entertainment and supper at the court house, the proceeds to be applied as the purpose of the society indicates.

Aside from the supper there will be amusement and entertainment for young and old. Carum players will have a chance to try their skill, and there will be two prizes each for lady and gentleman players, best and second best. Music will also be furnished for the occasion. Admission will be free. Supper 20 cents.

ATTENTION!

Are you interested in live stock? If so, will you be at Oran on Saturday, February 14, 1903?

Come! And if you have any stock bring it with you. If you have none come anyway and see the people who have.

There will be plenty of buying, selling and exchanging, and we want every farmer to come here on the above date to help build up a good market in Scott county, where you can get just as much for one mule or horse as you could if you had a carload.

This puts the farmer on an equal footing with the large dealers—makes strong competition and this is what benefits the farmer and small stock dealer. So it will certainly pay every citizen of Scott and adjoining counties to come on the above date.

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Edw. J. DORMEYER, Prop., Oran.

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